

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Allocation of essential commodities under PDS from the Central Pool is made on a month to month basis after taking into account the availability to stock in the Central Pool, *inter-se* demand of the States/UTs, market availability of commodities, seasonal factors, off-take against allocations made etc. However, w.e.f. the month of June, 1997 quota of rice and wheat is allocated on the basis of annual average lifting for 10 years as per TPDS guidelines. The allocation of levy sugar is made at a uniform rate of 425 gms. per capita per month as per 1991 population. The allocation of kerosene is made on the basis of past demand, offtake trend and relative need while an attempt is being made to bring those States where the per capita availability of kerosene is less than the national average, to national average level.

(b) to (d) Allocation of essential commodities under PDS is made to Bihar and Gujarat as per above criteria. The details of allocation during the last three years are given in Statement enclosed.

#### Statement

*Allocation of essential commodities to the State of Bihar and Gujarat during last three years and actual lifting by the States*

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Commodity	Bihar			Gujarat		
	1994	1995	1996	1994	1995	1996
<b>Wheat</b>						
Allocation	702.40	705.60	702.70	642.00	814.00	670.00
Lifting	271.20	197.50	399.70	365.10	426.50	595.10
<b>Rice</b>						
Allocation	354.40	381.60	384.50	414.00	414.00	369.50
Lifting	50.90	19.70	27.10	191.40	202.20	270.60
<b>Sugar</b> (100% lifting)	412.78	414.17	461.11	198.94	202.06	213.77
<b>Edible Oils</b>						
Allocations	-	-	0.90	19.30	44.89	42.00
Lifting	-	-	-	18.46	46.55	41.16
<b>Kerosene</b>						
Allocation	554.99	596.22	642.81	759.37	814.95	824.02
Lifting	556.41	595.91	641.60	807.19	817.03	829.29

#### Voluntary Organisations

4790. SHRI SOHAN VEER SINGH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of voluntary organisations working for the development of environment and protection of wild life in the country, State-wise;

(b) the financial assistance provided to those organisations by the State and Central Government during each of the last three years along with the names of organisations;

(c) whether the Government have received complaints regarding the misuse of funds by these organisations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

#### Public Distribution System in U.P. and Bihar

4791. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NCAER compiled Human Development profile has indicated that the net purchase of food in rural household through Public Distribution System in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar is as low as Rs. 5/- per annum;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government to the same;

(c) the estimated number of rural household below the poverty line in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar; and

(d) the specific administrative efforts made to ensure that the subsidised goods actually reach this segment?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir. According to the study on Human Development Profile of Rural India, 1994, compiled by NCAER, 5% of the households in Bihar and UP derive benefit under the Public Distribution System.

(b) The operational aspect of the PDS is the responsibility of the concerned State Government. However, under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), foodgrains to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) population will be made available at specially subsidised prices, which is expected to increase the percentage of beneficiaries deriving benefits under the PDS in the two States.